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1. There is an extreme money shortage in East Germany; [REDACTED] funds for research work have been reduced to a minimum. 25X1
2. There is a great shortage of scrap.
3. Prices of paper goods have risen materially; packing material by 100 percent; printing and writing paper by 200 percent.
4. The bakeries can get no more flour for making bread.
5. The coal supply is practically nil.
6. Textiles have become scarcity goods. Tailors work only for the national army (sic) and for the Dienst fuer Deutschland (DfD).
7. The flight of so many peasants is explained as follows: if the meat quota is not met, no slaughtering permits will be issued. Since there is no possibility of obtaining potatoes for feed, the livestock situation is almost impossible. Espionage has become so strict that black market slaughtering is no longer possible.
8. The regulations for delivery of the milk quota are unreasonable: the quota which must be supplied during the year from each cow is registered at the beginning of the year.
9. Operators have to limit their flocks of fowl because of the great shortage of feed.
10. The plans for uranium mining in the Muehlhausen area are being held in abeyance, along with the building of houses for mine workers there.

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